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Partnership Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee	Day of Month
Economic Development	1st Monday
Public Service	1st Thursday
Housing	1st Wednesday
Health & Substance Abuse	4th Thursday
Education	Undated
Community Awareness	Undated

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEES



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FIGHTING FOR A BETTER NEWARK
Black or Blaze - Representation in Newark

Newark Fighting Blaze is a division of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark, Inc., and is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and other voluntary contributions.

WHAT IS NEWARK FIGHTING BACK ?

Newark Fighting Back, NFB is a self governing division of the Boys' and Girls Clubs of Newark, Inc. The mission of NFB is to attempt to reduce the demand for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in neighborhoods of the City of Newark. NFB is initially focusing its efforts in the Central and parts of the North Wards. NFB is not an arm of any governmental entity. Rather, NFB is a coalition of residents, businesses, clergy, practitioners and a host of others, working in partnership toward a common vision. That vision is to make our neighborhoods the safe, clean and drug resistant places to live, work and play that we all want.

Simply put, NFB is actually a "challenge" to the residents of Newark to step forward and accept part of the responsibility that we all must share in bringing about a positive change in the City. Working together NFB and you represent a new beginning; a collaborative one that has the potential to improve our daily lives and the future of our youth.

NFB is organized around six Partnership Committees, composed of professionals and residents alike who are concerned about making a change in our neighborhoods. All we need is your participation and commitment.

WHAT ARE THE SIX COMMITTEES ?

The six Partnership Committees are chaired by an NFB Board member and volunteers from the community or service provider network. The committees are given direct involvement in the progress of the major strategies of NFB. The committees are each scheduled to have one public meeting per month (the schedule is on the back of this brochure) to discuss progress.

Public Service, Infrastructure & Empowerment -



Help to identify and support the empowerment of natural leaders. Work to promote a sense of community pride among residents. Help create an appealing, safe, and clean physical environment by building a working relationship between the neighborhoods and service providers (public & private) including police, fire, sanitation, health, recreation, land use, planning, and social services.



Economic Development & Employment - Help put Newark residents back to work by identifying jobs in and out of the city that match resident's abilities, enhancing the overall employability of residents by improving access to jobs and local training options, and increasing entrepreneurship activity in the service area by encouraging small business growth.



Housing - To work with existing and new housing development organizations to fulfill the need for a comprehensive continuum of housing options that enhance the neighborhood, which rental, ownership, market, affordable, and low income housing, that will meet the needs of existing residents and serve to attract new residents.



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Education - To collaboratively promote school and education reform to ensure that Newark's children are prepared to succeed in their personal, social and professional lives. Work to neighborhood efforts with

effective substance prevention curriculum to strengthen the drug resistance of children and youth. To increase the effectiveness of parents through parent organizations.



Health & Substance Abuse - Focusing on NFB's core target population of at-risk women with childhood children, enhance and expand the delivery of health and substance abuse services along the entire continuum of care. Enhance the capacity of local delivery of health services to the residents.



Community Awareness - To support the above five strategy areas by undertaking an aggressive program of information and public awareness. The more community prevention efforts

are comprehended the more likely that it will succeed. Our goal is to achieve a level of awareness and involvement which will propel the City of Newark to the front ranks of substance abuse aware municipalities.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

By attending a Partnership Committee meeting you will have a "bird's eye" view of what's in the works for making our City a better place for all of us to live. Hopefully, you will also want to become more active by joining one of the committees or getting involved with one of the neighborhood coalitions that NFB will be working closely with. Call today, and leave your name, address and telephone number with an NFB staff member at (201) 243-8300.

We are looking forward to working with you to make Newark's a better place to live.